Grant-in-aid system.

314. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state:—whether they have at any time considered as an alternative to the present system of giving grant-in-aid to all classes (or almost all the classes) of a few of the new schools every year, the desirability of spreading the available funds over as many of the new schools as possible giving grant only to one new class in each school every year;

(b) if the Government have considered the above alternative, what considerations have prevented them from adopting the same?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer given above.

Regarding the proposed Pallimanna Bridge in the same village.

315. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the construction of a bridge at Pallimanna to connect the Village Panchayat road with the Kunnamkulam-Vadakkancheri road between mile stones 1 and 2 has been sanctioned;

(b) has any estimate been prepared with regard to the proposed work; if so, what is such amount?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes; Rs. 2,800.

Scheme—Panchayat financial resources.

316. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present Panchayat Registrar has formulated any scheme to augment the financial resources of the several Panchayats apart from the contribution of Government?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Panchayats—Civil powers.

317. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) the Panchayats that are not vested with Civil Jurisdiction in the Trichur and Talappalli Taluks;

(b) the distance to each of them from the Munsiffs' Courts in the Taluk concerned?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—A statement furnishing the information is appended

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